



My Ready Defense

Week 10 - Evangelism

Proof of God Video

1. Faith is the beginning of reasoning, not the end of it.
2. About 200,000 people have died as a result of religions wars, but millions have died in the name of atheism or evolution (e.g. eugenics).
3. Rhetorical questions that show how Christians can be certain that God exists:
 - a. Is it impossible for the God of the Bible to exist? If so, convince me!
 - b. Is it impossible for the Bible to be what it claims to be? If so, convince me!
 - c. Could the all-knowing, all-powerful God of the Bible reveal things to us in such a way that we could be absolutely certain of them? If not, convince me!
4. But most atheists will admit that they could be wrong about what they believe. If not, ask them to convince you?
5. The truths of God are not a matter of belief or unbelief, they are a matter of acceptance or rejection. Evidence is not the issue.
6. Even if you could prove to their satisfaction that God exists, most atheists would still not worship Him.
7. God is not the conclusion of our arguments, He is the foundation of them.

Romans 8:38-39: For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

8. Our job is not to get heated and yell and fight with the unbeliever, but to speak the truth in love, pray for them and allow God to lead them to repentance.

2 Timothy 2:23-26: But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife. And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

Matthew 28:18-19: And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Evangelism

1. We know God exists the same way we know others in our life exist, because we talk with them, love them and have a relationship with them.
2. His Word is the only book that gives us the origin of time, space, the earth, water, dry land, plants, the sun, the moon, the stars, flying creatures, sea creatures, land creatures, man, woman, marriage, sin, death, nations, languages, clothing, etc.
3. The only way anyone can be sure about history that happened when we weren't there is if we are told by someone who was there, knows everything and cannot lie.
4. Creation is God's Word about past history based on what He observed in the past. Over 3,000 times, the Bible claims to be the Word of God, who has always been there, knows everything and cannot tell a lie. The creation account of history is also supported by science that we see in the present.
5. Evolution is man's word about past history based on natural processes observed in the present and actually contradicts science in many instances. Evolution also cannot account for the laws of nature, logic, etc.
6. Most evolutionists believe that they are objective and do not have a starting point, but they are unwilling to consider supernatural origins described in God's Word and their starting point is therefore man's word.
7. When Christians are uncertain or ashamed of God's Word as our starting point, our culture begins to shift their starting point to man's word in the government, the courts, the education system and even the church. The moral issues in our culture are just symptoms of a shifting foundational starting point.
8. We must demonstrate to the world that we are not ashamed of the Word of God and will not give up our starting point no matter what they think about it.
9. The only way to effectively address moral issues is to defend the authority of the Word of God as our starting point, yet we cannot change other's starting point. But the Holy Spirit can and He can use us to do it.

2 Peter 3:9: The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

Romans 10:15: How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

10. We need to stand on the authority of God's Word as our starting point, do everything we can to prepare a ready defense, answer their skeptical questions about creation, point out the fallacies of evolution, point them to the Bible, pray for them and then leave it up to the Holy Spirit to change their starting point, change their heart and change their life.

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